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Honorable Maurice H. Stans  
Director  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Henry:

The "Notes on Africa" which you handed me the other week at the luncheon were forwarded to some of our people here for their information and further study.

I thought perhaps that you might want to know that these proposals produced some interesting discussions on this very complex but critical area. We will give them our continued consideration.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

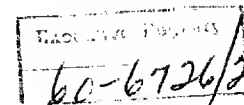
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14 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : "Notes on Africa" submitted by Mr. Maurice Stans

I am returning herewith Mr. Stans' "Notes on Africa" together with comments thereon by Bronson Tweedy. May I say that even though I have initialed Mr. Tweedy's memorandum, I am somewhat more favorably impressed than he by Mr. Stans' remarks. I do not suppose the specific proposals in his final paragraph are very practical in just the form in which they are stated but we better try to think up some formula under which we can prevent a recurrence of the Congo crisis in half a dozen territories. Incidentally, [redacted] is very interested in this subject and has some fairly radical ideas.



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Deputy Director  
(Plans)

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9 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans) 

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SUBJECT : "Notes on Africa" submitted by Mr. Maurice Stans

1. This is for your information with reference to "Notes on Africa" recently submitted by Mr. Maurice Stans. Most of his generalizations are apt but do not lend themselves to easy and short comments.

2. In summary, his principal points are:

a. Where peacefully possible the United States should support the reforming of political boundaries.

b. Where possible "build along tribal lines into tribal confederations" and support "internal reorganizations" along these lines.

c. Discourage African application of local resources to military purposes.

d. U. S. aid should be handled multilaterally through the United Nations.

3. Comments: Rearranging boundaries would make a good deal of sense in several cases, but there is not much likelihood of this coming about through negotiations and we would probably create more problems than we solved by taking initiative in this direction. The same would be true of trying to build along tribal lines except that advice and persuasion might be used on Africans to have them sponsor internal tribal reorganizations. The Department has been active in trying to discourage an arms race in Africa, but the outcome is by no means clear. The Somalis fear Ethiopia; Tubman and Nkrumah are interested in defense establishments for prestige if no other reason; Bloc arms have already gone to Guinea; Cameroon is seeking arms; the Congo situation may precipitate further general interest in acquiring arms.

4. The question of whether U. S. aid should be handled through the U. N. is one of major policy and one that the Government must grapple with soon. Theoretically the U. N. solution would appear to make sense--but only if the Soviets as well subscribe and adhere to the idea. However, in discussing this with ICA people responsible for Africa, they seem opposed to the general multilateral/U. N. approach. Their argument is that in so doing the United States loses too much presence and additionally this approach would not preclude African insistence on bilateral agreements as well.

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5. Reference paper suggests two possible new approaches:

a. The United States and European powers announce their determination to keep Africa free of Communism except by the free election of the people.

b. A proposal by the U. S. that the U. N. guarantee free competitive elections in African countries at reasonable intervals.

6. We do not think either of the above is practicable. Whether we like it or not African nations are on a nationalist and neutralist binge and any open and pronounced effort to make them look westward only could backfire. If the U. N. gets over the Congo hurdle with reasonable success it could play a strong role in Africa as needed, but we doubt the feasibility of its trying to guarantee free elections at intervals to so many countries.



Bronson Tweedy  
Chief, Africa Division

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Remarks:

Dick:

These were handed to DCI at luncheon today by Maurice Stans. He asked that I send them to you for information and any comment you had to make. DCI has kept one copy to read.

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